

***The Good Life:
Jesus' Sermon on the Mount
"Do Unto Others"
Sermon for Sunday, August 2, 2026***

The Golden Rule

"So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets." Matthew 7:12 (ESV)

- **Teaching Point #1:** The Golden Rule is simply the most basic or important demand of the law, a demand that in no way replaces the Torah but instead states its true end.

- **Teaching Point #2:** Jesus gives disciples (you and me!) a certain autonomy in verse 12: *How would you like to be treated? Well, then, act accordingly!"*

- **Teaching Point #3:** And let's not forget personal salvation and the cross...The reason we need the cross is that we turn the Golden Rule into rust!

- **Life Application:** Jesus has graciously moved towards me when I had nothing in common with him. Certainly, by God's grace, I can love my neighbor in the same way.

- **Additional Scriptures to Engage:**
*Leviticus 19:17–18; Matthew 5:17; 16:24–36; 22:34–40;
Luke 6:31, 10:25–37; Romans 13:8–10*